Local outfitting companies run tours of many of the pristine waterways where Trust volunteer, of her experience paddling in southeast North Carolina. “I treasure the waters of Town Creek where Coastal Land Trust and its partners have put together a combination of protective measures assuring preservation of the environment while enhancing public opportunity to appropriately enjoy the wonderful natural resources.”

Many of our southeastern rivers are “blackwater” – which means the water is stained a unique dark reddish color from tannins that leach from dissolved organic matter and cypress trees growing in abundance along the banks. The Coastal Land Trust has protected land along many of these blackwater creeks, preserving a rare ecosystem from development. Conservation along waterways also improves the boating experience by preserving greenery, clean water and fisheries; and since many of our protected lands are located along scenic rivers some are best experienced from the water. Sometimes the Coastal Land Trust purchases land outright with the goal of creating a public park, but more often we work with private landowners who wish to conserve their land; and doing so does not require that landowners grant public access. But, it is important to realize that when private lands are conserved the public benefits from the enhanced ecosystem, beautiful scenery and open space that can often be viewed from roads or waterways. Paddlers can find places to experience the quiet beauty of scenic rivers bordered by ancient cypress swamps. Boaters can anchor next to Masonboro for a swim in the ocean off the undisturbed island. Birders can photograph rare species that are present because we have protected their nesting habitat, nature photographers may capture photos of alligators and dolphins, and hikers can stretch their legs on scenic nature trails. "My husband and I enjoy the quiet peacefulness of the water and being in the company of the birds and the fish; we become very aware of our connection to all of nature” says Virginia Hardy, a Coastal Land Trust volunteer. of her experience paddling in southeast North Carolina.

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A great new local kayaking put-in spot is located at the 900-acre Brunswick County Nature Park on Town Creek. The Coastal Land Trust has protected thousands of acres on Town Creek, and in partnership with the NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund we donated the property for this new park to Brunswick County. If you venture out to explore Town Creek, keep your camera ready because alligators have been sighted near the kayak launch! Bill Raney, one of the founders of the Coastal Land Trust and an avid paddler, is especially proud of our Town Creek land protection efforts. "I treasure the beauty of these blackwater creeks, preserving a rare ecosystem from development. Hardy recommends the Adventure Company’s Rice’s Creek paddle especially.

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
WATER QUALITY, WETLANDS, & WILDLIFE
Water is the source of life not only for people, but for animals, too. Whether ducks are looking for marshes, or fish are swimming upstream to spawn, clean water is essential for all wildlife. Many large animals use river banks as migration corridors. Many smaller animals live out their entire life cycle close to the pond or creek where they began life, never venturing far from their original source of water.

Wetlands are important for a variety of birds, mammals and reptiles, too. We all know that shrimp, crabs, oysters and clams depend on tidal flows in the estuaries and sounds. As they say, if you like seafood, you should like wetlands, too.

Many of the Coastal LandTrust’s projects protect our state’s rivers, streams and wetlands. As you’ll read, they also provide fantastic recreational opportunities for you and your family. What I really like is that our LandTrust projects also protect critical habitat for wildlife. They help keep our streams clean and pure. At the end of the day, we’re all in this together!

DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE
PADDLING, FISHING, BOATING AND SAILING: FUN FOR YOU AND GOOD FOR OUR ECONOMY
We’re fortunate to be surrounded by water— creeks and streams, sounds and oceans, rivers and bays. Many of those drawn to our coastal communities are boaters, who enjoy cruising the Intracoastal Waterway, sailing our sounds, or fishing the Gulf Stream. The Coastal Land Trust is glad we’ve been able to help provide water access to those who like to canoe and kayak. We hope this newsletter inspires you to make plans to enjoy the beautiful fall weather on the water!

And guess what else? You’ll be helping your community’s local economy, too! About 12% of us in North Carolina go fishing, and 15% of us are paddlers. Together with lake, skiers and bicyclists— both residents and those who visit from out-of-state— we contribute more than $7.5 billion annually to our state’s economy through these activities.

Finally, your participation in outdoor activities registers as a “vote” for conservation, and that’s important, too. Because land trusts and parks departments play a vital role in insuring healthy communities and healthy environments. We’re glad to help save some of the places you love— on the water!

NEW FACES!
The Coastal Land Trust is pleased to welcome our newest roster of board members. Each member comes to the land trust with a strong interest in conservation. Our latest board members were appointed to the Board at our Annual Meeting on Friday, September 24, 2010.

Please join us in welcoming:
Sadie Price of Wilmington, NC
Sadie recently retired from a 25-year career as a CPA specializing in Tax. A native of Wilmington, she spent the majority of her career in Spartanburg, SC. In 1997, she and her husband Jim moved to Wilmington. At the time of her retirement from full-time work, she was working as a Tax Director for RSM McGladrey, Ms. Price served on numerous boards in Spartanburg, including the Junior League, the Historical Society and others. She received an undergraduate degree from Randolph-Macon Woman’s College and a Masters degree in Education from the University of South Carolina.

Clark Wright of New Bern, NC
Clark is an attorney with the law firm of Davis Hartman. He previously served in the Environmental Protection Division of the NC Attorney General’s Office, played semi-pro volleyball and once ran an outdoor outfitters shop. Currently, he serves on the Board of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy. Clark has hiked the entire Appalachian Trail and wrote the legislation that authorizes the special license plate for the ATC. He’s a husband, father and coach of two young daughters.

We would also like to take a moment and thank our Bob Emory and Cheryl Smith, both of New Bern, NC, and David Whaley of Wilmington, NC, who recently completed their board terms and are now rotated off. All three members were essential in the operations and fundraising efforts of the Coastal Land Trust and will be greatly missed.

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the Waccamaw River and is currently working with other conservation organizations on the beginning stages of a proposed Waccamaw River Blue Trail project. The Waccamaw River is a unique blackwater ecosystem with all kinds of rare flora and fauna to see from Lake Waccamaw down through Columbus and Brunswick Counties and into South Carolina. South Carolina already has a blue trail on the southern section of the Waccamaw River; we hope to help North Carolina paddlers more easily connect to this great resource in coming years.

If you live near Wilmington and are looking to explore Coastal Land Trust by water close to home, we’ve protected land on Lea Island, Masonboro Island, along the Cape Fear River and the Chowan River. To best explore the marshes around Masonboro Island you can put in at the Trail’s End boat launch. Raney recommends this area, “Near and dear to my heart are the marshes behind Masonboro Island. The areas in the marsh complex of Masonboro Island that are accessible only by canoe or kayak are among the few places in the midst of the increasingly populated areas of New Hanover County that can easily transport one back to the unhurried pace and the unspoiled natural environment of a century ago.”

To explore the Cape Fear River, you could put in under the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge at the new Drum Tree Park kayak launch at the foot of Castle Street; heading down river from there you would pass by several historic rice plantations that the Coastal Land Trust has protected with conservation agreements generously donated by landowners. Riverside Park is a lovely place to put in if you’d like to explore the Northeast Cape Fear River – and if you head east from that park you’ll pass by forested property that is forever protected with a conservation easement.

In the central coast area there’s another new kayak launch that will soon be open to the public on Broad Creek at the Latham-Whitehurst Nature Park in Carteret County. The Coastal Land Trust acquired the land for this park in partnership with the NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund and then transferred it to Craven County. The County is in the process of developing trails and other park facilities there at this time. There’s also the Oakhurst Marshes that can be accessed from the Waccamaw River and Town Creek and occur in the Coastal Land Trust’s region or join a local paddling club.

In the northeastern region of the coast, the Outer Banks are known for great boating and kayaking. There’s so much to explore that you can get lost – evidenced by the fact that pirates used to hide out in the inlets of Outer Banks islands. Legend has it that Blackbeard hid put and possibly buried treasure on Ocracoke Island where the Coastal Land Trust has a beautiful waterfront park open to the public called Springer’s Point Preserve. If you are interested in exploring Ocracoke by water, Rude the Wind surf shop – near Springer’s Point – offers kayak tours and rentals and supports the Coastal Land Trust. Cheryl Smith, a former Coastal Land Trust board member, recommends sailing the Outer Banks, “We have sailed from New Bern to Ocracoke more than 20 times in the past 10 years. It is absolutely beautiful to be out in the Sound and to enjoy nature. We’ve had dolphins swim right beside the boat on numerous occasions. Then once in Ocracoke, there is a vast amount of undeveloped area to walk and hike.”

Further north up the Outer Banks, the Coastal Land Trust has protected property on the Croatan Sound, and Kitty Hawk Sports offers kayak eco-tours for those looking to explore the area by water. Also in this region, we have protected lands along the Tar River, Pasquotank River, Alligator River, Pamlico River, Chowan River, Albemarle Sound and others. Please keep the Coastal Land Trust’s land protection efforts in mind next time you are out enjoying some time out on the water! And, please consult “Paddling Eastern North Carolina” by Paul Ferguson for more information on exploring the waterways in the Coastal Land Trust’s region or join a local paddling club.

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Pictured are Randy Kennedy with partners
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The Field Day at Five Eagle Partners. The event will feature a low country boil, oysters, retriever demonstrations as well as some added surprises this year. Visit our website for more information.

One day, out of the blue, Emma Thomas, owner of The Adventure Company in Southport called the office of the Coastal Land Trust and offered to give a percentage of sales from tours conducted by her company on our priority waterways. Being skeptical, we all wondered what the catch was, but she assured us that she would take care of everything and her only request is that we list the tour information to our members. Today, we are happy to announce that we have a great partnership with Emma. Every few months she sends out an email of upcoming trips and we send the information on through our email list and post on our website. Trips usually focus on the Waccamaw River and Town Creek and occur on both weekends and weekdays. Emma and her competent staff take out novices and experienced paddlers alike. Are you interested in learning more? Sign up for our email blast at www.coastallandtrust.org!
The Coastal Land Trust Annual Meeting was held at Poplar Grove on Friday, September 24, 2010. Before the meeting, a dedication was held to celebrate a land protection agreement that was placed on Poplar Grove Plantation in 2009. Poplar Grove is one of the oldest peanut plantations in North Carolina and preserves the homestead of a successful farming family; the outbuildings and crafts are typical of a 1800s era working plantation. Opened as a museum in 1980, its mansion is on the National Register of Historic Places.

After the dedication, members and supporters joined us under the tent for dinner, a short business meeting, and an awards ceremony as we celebrated this year’s accomplishments. Thanks to annual meeting sponsors Morgan Keegan and Company, RC Land Design and Maintenance, and Walmart. Also, thanks to the staff at Poplar Grove Plantation, the band Masonboro Sound, and Pine Valley Market Catering.

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President’s Award: Cheryl Smith

A PRIVATE LOOK AT ORTON/A TASTE OF CAROLINA HISTORY

On October 23rd, over 80 friends of the Coastal Land Trust came out for “A Private Look at Orton/A Taste of Carolina History” at Orton Plantation Gardens in Winnabow, NC. The weather was perfect as our guests toured the gardens and heard from our fabulous panel of guest lecturers while sampling Pine Valley Market’s fine gourmet southern cuisine.

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From all of us at the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust, Thank You for your support this year!
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